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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW HELD ON
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REMARKS

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0001] Examiner Lu graciously met with Jim Banowsky and me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on Dec. 10, 2007. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner’s willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to each of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0002] During the interview, we discussed distinctions between the cited art (Becker and Ushijima) and the claims submitted in the RCE filed 10/12/2007, particularly claims 1 and 19. We also discussed the §112 rejection. I understood the Examiner to indicate that the submitted clarifying claim amendments appeared to overcome the §112 rejection and that an updated search would be performed regarding the claims submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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